

REMARKS

The Applicants do not believe that examination of the foregoing amendment will result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicants, respectfully, request that the above amendment be entered in and that the claims to the present application, kindly, be reconsidered.

The Advisory Action dated March 18, 2005 has been received and considered by the Applicants. Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application for invention. Claims 15-20 have been added by the foregoing amendment. The Advisory Action affirmed the rejection of Claims 1-14 as rejected in the November 19, 2004 Final Office Action.

The Advisory Action affirms the rejection of Claims 1-8 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,400,996 issued to Hoffberg et al. (hereinafter referred to as Hoffberg et al.) and over U.S. Patent No. 5,760,768 issued to Gram (hereinafter referred to as Gram).

Regarding Claim 1, the rejection states that Hoffberg et al. teach a method of customizing a graphical user interface for a computer controlled system having at least one selectable parameter. The rejection admits that Hoffberg et al. do not “teach the providing of actuatable means arranged so that a user can access the actuation to provide input to the display arrangements.” The Examiner’s position is that the “save as” and “cancel” buttons of Gram render the actuatable means obvious. The Applicants, respectfully, point out that Claim 1 has been amended to define subject matter for “an input device”. The Applicants, respectfully, submit that cited references do not disclose, or suggest, the subject matter for “an input device” that provides “a first actuation accepts the displayed optimized arrangement and a second activation cancels the displayed optimized arrangement.” Accordingly, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-6 depend from Claim 1, either directly or indirectly, and further narrow and define Claim 1. Therefore, Claims 2-6, are also believed to be allowable.

Regarding Claim 7, the Examiner states that Hoffberg et al. teach a method of customizing a graphical user interface for a computer controlled system having at least one selectable parameter. The Examiner admits that Hoffberg et al. do not “teach the providing of actuatable means arranged so that a user can access the actuation to provide input to the display

arrangements.” The Examiner’s position is that the “save as” and “cancel” buttons of Gram render the actuable means obvious. The Applicants, respectfully, point out that Claim 7 has been amended to define subject matter for “an input device”. The Applicants, respectfully, submit that cited references do not disclose, or suggest, the subject matter for “an input device” that provides “a first actuation accepts the displayed optimized arrangement and a second activation cancels the displayed optimized arrangement.” Accordingly, Claim 7 is believed to be allowable.

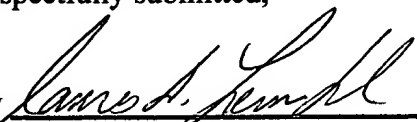
Claim 8-14 depend from Claims 1 or 7, either directly or indirectly and further narrow and define Claims 1 and 7. Therefore, Claims 8-14 are also believed to be allowable.

New Claims 15-20 have been added by the foregoing amendment. Claims 15-18 are generally similar in scope to Claims 2-6 and believed to be allowable for the reasons previously stated for Claims 2-6. Claims 19-20 further define the input device as described on pages 4-5 of the specification to the present invention. The cited references do not disclose or suggest a single input device that provides the first and second actuation. Therefore, Claims 19-20 are believed to be allowable.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

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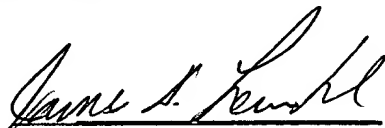
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